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### **State Higher Education Commission Advises Legislature on Higher Education Planning**

*June 17, 2004* — Sacramento — The California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC) released four major higher education reports in four key policy areas. These reports make recommendations on enrollment planning, campus facility planning, academic degree and vocational program review, and data collection and dissemination. The reports are designed to provide critical data and concomitant analyses needed by public policy makers and education administrators. “As student enrollment continues to climb, it is essential that the State look to more effective and efficient ways to educate students,” stated Chairman Howard Welinsky. “These reports provide policymakers with the tools to make sound planning decisions on new campuses and degree programs.”

Although interrelated, each report is specific to one issue:

- The enrollment planning report, entitled *Student Access, Institutional Capacity, and Public Higher Education Enrollment Demand, 2003-2013*, notes that the State can expect enrollment demand to increase to a total of 2.9 million students by year 2013. The report notes that approximately \$3.1 billion more in instructional funding will be needed to serve the additional students.
- The second report, *Planning and Coordinating the Development of California's Campuses*, describes new campuses and educational facilities approved by the Commission over the past two years, and suggests ways to ensure that future institutional planning can efficiently address expected student enrollment and changing workforce needs.
- The third report, *Commission Review of New Academic Programs Proposed by the Public Higher Education Systems, 2002 to 2004*, summarizes the results of approximately 100 independent program reviews the Commission has conducted during the past two years. This report also reveals the long-range academic plans of California's public colleges and universities, and those that reflect occupational and industry training needs in specific areas.

- The fourth report is *California Postsecondary Education Commission: Information Collection and Dissemination Program, Enhancing Access to Education Data*. In this report, the Commission highlights work undertaken to build and maintain an education database and makes recommendations to strengthen this statewide resource.

Acting Executive Director Murray Haberman notes, “The primary focus of the Commission’s information program has been on understanding how students progress through the California postsecondary education system. Our recommendations will provide for a much more robust and comprehensive data analysis system for educators as well as for elected officials.”

A link to each report is available at:

*Student Access, Institutional Capacity, and Public Higher Education Enrollment Demand, 2003-2013* -- <http://www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2004Reports/04-07.pdf>. For more information on this report, contact Stacy Wilson at (916) 322-8015.

*Planning and Coordinating the Development of California’s Campuses* -- <http://www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2004Reports/04-09.pdf>. For more information on this report, contact Gil Velazquez at 322-8018.

*Commission Review of New Academic Programs Proposed by the Public Higher Education Systems, 2002 to 2004* -- <http://www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2004Reports/04-08.pdf>. For more information on this report, contact Stacy Wilson at 322-8015.

*California Postsecondary Education Commission: Information Collection and Dissemination Program, Enhancing Access to Education Data* -- <http://www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2004Reports/04-06.pdf>. For more information on this report, contact Marc Irish at 322-8002.

The California Postsecondary Education Commission advises the Governor and Legislature on higher education policy and fiscal issues. Its primary focus is to ensure that the state’s educational resources are used effectively to provide Californians with postsecondary education opportunities. More information about the Commission and its work can be found at its website at [www.cpec.ca.gov](http://www.cpec.ca.gov).